

## Supporting Information

### **Epoxy Isonitriles, A Unique Class of Antibiotics: Synthesis of Their Metabolites and Biological Investigations**

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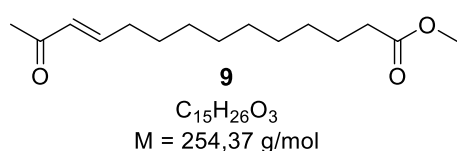
## 1. Synthesis

### 1.1. Instrumentation and General Notes

NMR spectra were recorded using the following spectrometers: INOVA (600/150 MHz), INOVA (500/125 MHz), Bruker Ascend (600/150 MHz), INOVA (400/100 MHz), or VNMR (400/100 MHz). Chemical shifts are quoted in ppm relative to tetramethylsilane and with the indicated solvent as an internal reference. The following abbreviations are used to describe signal multiplicities: s (singlet), d (doublet), t (triplet), q (quartet), m (multiplet), br (broad), dd (doublet of doublets), dt (doublet of triplets), etc. Accurate mass spectra were recorded on a Thermo LTQ-FTMS APCI or ESI as indicated. Specific rotation measurements were made with a 1 dm path length using a Perkin Elmer 341 Polarimeter. Non-aqueous reactions were performed under an atmosphere of argon, in flame-dried glassware, with HPLC-grade solvents purified on a Pure Process Technology purification system. Amine bases were freshly distilled from  $\text{CaH}_2$  prior to use. Brine refers to a saturated aqueous solution of sodium chloride. "Column chromatography", unless otherwise indicated, refers to purification on a Biotage Isolera One Automated system in a gradient of ethyl acetate in hexanes, or by standard flash chromatography techniques on small scale (<100 mg). Reactions were monitored via thin-layer chromatography (TLC) using EMD Millipore® TLC silica gel glass plates with  $\text{KMnO}_4$  or vanillin stain.

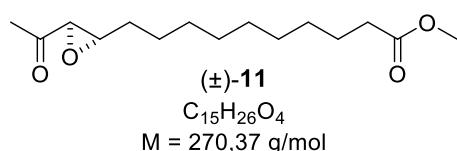
### 1.2. Synthesis of *post*-aerocyanidin (+)-**4**

**Methyl (*E*)-13-oxotetradec-11-enoate (**9**).** In a flame dried flask equipped with a metal stir bar were added alkene **7** (1.50 g, 7.06 mmol, 1 equiv) in diethyl ether (0.5M), methyl vinyl ketone (1.75 mL, 21.0 mmol, 3 equiv), Grubbs Catalyst, 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation (120 mg, 0.141 mmol, 2 mol %), and CuI (40 mg, 0.21 mmol, 3 mol %). The solution was stirred under argon at room temperature overnight, quenched with a saturated aqueous solution of ammonium chloride and extracted with three portions of ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting yellow residue was purified *via* column chromatography to afford **9** as a slightly yellow oil (1.66 g, 92% yield).



**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.79 (dt,  $J$  = 15.9, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 6.06 (dt,  $J$  = 15.9, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 2.29 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 2.23–2.17 (m, 2H), 1.65–1.55 (m, 2H), 1.50–1.39 (m, 2H), 1.27 (s, 10H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  198.6, 174.2, 148.5, 131.2, 51.3, 34.0, 32.4, 29.23 (2C), 29.14, 29.08, 29.03, 28.0, 26.7, 24.8; **HRMS** ESI ( $m/z$ ) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H<sup>+</sup>]: 255.19547, found 255.19554.

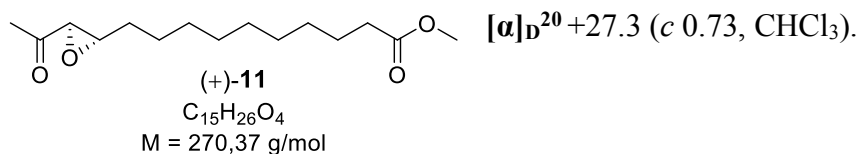
**Methyl 10-((2*S*\*,3*R*\*)-3-acetyloxiran-2-yl)decanoate ((±)-11).** To a stirred solution of alkene **9** (860 mg, 3.38 mmol, 1 equiv) and *tert*-butylamine (4  $\mu$ L, 0.034 mmol, 1 mol %) in methanol (27 mL) at 0 °C were slowly added 30% by weight hydrogen peroxide (1.9 mL, 13.5 mmol, 4 equiv). The solution was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred overnight. The reaction was quenched with a 1:1 mixture of saturated sodium thiosulfate and sodium bicarbonate and extracted with three portions of dichloromethane. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting oil was purified *via* column chromatography to afford epoxide (±)-**11** as a colorless oil (672 mg, 74% yield).



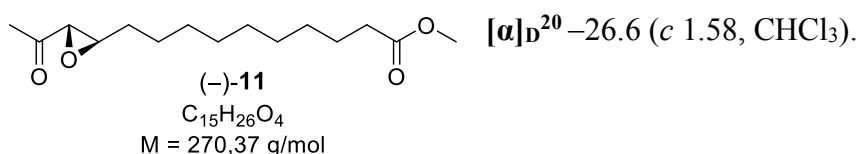
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.66 (s, 3H), 3.17 (d,  $J$  = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.08–3.04 (m, 1H), 2.29 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 1.68–1.53 (m, 2H), 1.51–1.38 (m, 2H), 1.37–1.20 (m, 12H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  206.3, 174.4, 60.1, 58.2, 51.6, 34.2, 31.9, 29.48, 29.38, 29.33, 29.31, 29.22, 25.9, 25.0, 24.5; **HRMS** ESI ( $m/z$ ) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>27</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H<sup>+</sup>]: 271.19039, found 271.19049.

**Methyl 10-((2*S*,3*R*)-3-acetyloxiran-2-yl)decanoate ((+)-11).** 9-amino-*epi*-Quinidine (97 mg, 0.15 mmol, 30 mol %) was added to a solution of trifluoroacetic acid (57  $\mu$ L, 0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in 1 mL of dioxane (0.25M). Alkene **9** (127 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1 equiv) was added and the solution was stirred at 50 °C. After 15 minutes, 30% by weight sodium hydroxide (0.1 mL, 0.6 mmol, 1.5 equiv) were added and the solution was stirred overnight. The reaction was quenched with a saturated aqueous solution of ammonium chloride and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and concentrated *in vacuo*. To the resulting white solid were added 2 mL anhydrous methanol and 1 M solution of sodium methoxide in methanol (0.5 mL, 0.5 mmol, 1 equiv). After two hours, the reaction was quenched with a saturated aqueous solution of ammonium chloride and extracted with EtOAc.

The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification was performed by column chromatography resulting in epoxide (+)-**11** as a low-melting point white solid (73.5 mg, 54% yield).

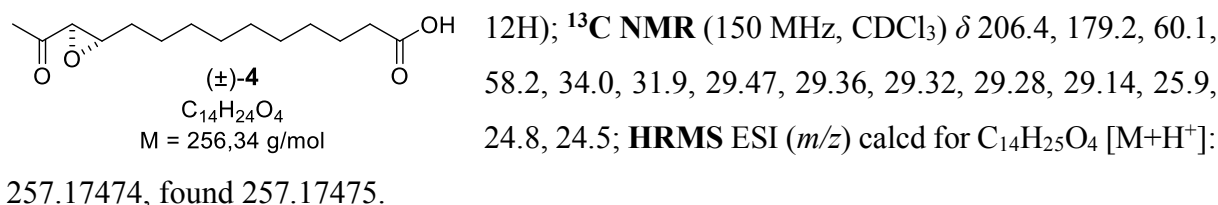


**Methyl 10-((2*S*,3*R*)-3-acetyloxiran-2-yl)decanoate ((-)-**11**).** 9-amino-*epi*-Quinine (97 mg, 0.15 mmol, 30 mol %) was added to a solution of trifluoroacetic acid (57 μL, 0.75 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in 1 mL of dioxane (0.25M). Alkene **9** (127 mg, 0.5 mmol, 1 equiv) was added and the solution was stirred at 50 °C. After 15 minutes, 30% by weight sodium hydroxide (0.1 mL, 0.6 mmol, 1.5 equiv) were added and the solution was stirred overnight. The reaction was quenched with a saturated aqueous solution of ammonium chloride and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and concentrated *in vacuo*. To the resulting white solid were added 2 mL anhydrous methanol and 1 M solution of sodium methoxide in methanol (0.5 mL, 0.5 mmol, 1 equiv). After two hours, the reaction was quenched with a saturated aqueous solution of ammonium chloride and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification was performed by column chromatography resulting in epoxide (-)-**11** as a low-melting point white solid (74.5 mg, 55% yield).

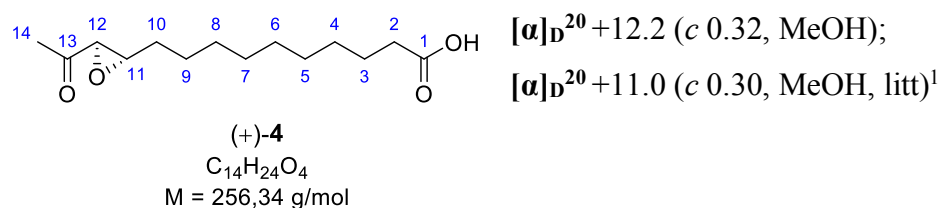


**10-((2*S*\*,3*R*\*)-3-Acetyloxiran-2-yl)decanoic acid ((±)-**4**).** To a stirred solution of methyl ester (±)-**11** (10 mg, 0.037 mmol) in THF/H<sub>2</sub>O (1:1, 1 mL) at 0 °C was added LiOH (2.7 mg, 0.11 mmol, 3 equiv). The reaction was warmed to room temperature and stirred for one hour. The reaction was quenched with a 1M aqueous solution of HCl and extracted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography to afford the product (±)-**4** as a colorless oil which solidify in the fridge (7.0 mg, 74% yield).

**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 3.18 (d, *J* = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 3.07 (ddd, *J* = 6.1, 5.0, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 2.35 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 1.70–1.54 (m, 2H), 1.53–1.38 (m, 2H), 1.38–1.21 (m,



**10-((2*S*,3*R*)-3-Acetyloxiran-2-yl)decanoic acid ((+)-4).** To a stirred solution of methyl ester (+)-11 (12 mg, 0.044 mmol) in THF/ $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (1:1, 1 mL) at 0 °C was added LiOH (3.3 mg, 0.13 mmol, 3 equiv). The reaction was warmed to room temperature and stirred for one hour. The reaction was quenched with a 1M aqueous solution of HCl and extracted with  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ . The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and concentrated *in vacuo*. The residue was purified by flash chromatography to afford the product (+)-4 as a colorless oil which solidify in the fridge (5.5 mg, 49% yield).



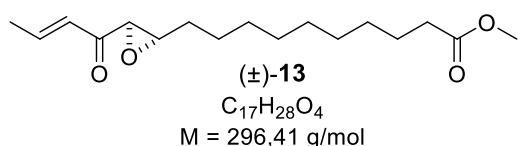
**Supplementary Table S1.** Comparison of  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of (+)-4 and the natural product ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ).

	$\delta_{\text{H}}$		$\delta_{\text{C}}$	
	Natural (400 MHz)	Synthetic (600 MHz)	Natural	Synthetic (600 MHz)
<b>1</b>	-	-		179.2
<b>2</b>	2.35, t (7.5)	2.35, t (7.5)		34.0
<b>3</b>	- <sup>a</sup>	1.70–1.21	- <sup>a</sup>	31.9–24.8
<b>4</b>				
<b>5</b>				
<b>6</b>				
<b>7</b>				
<b>8</b>				
<b>9</b>				
<b>10</b>				
<b>11</b>	3.07, ddd (6.0, 5.0, 2.1)	3.07, ddd (6.1, 5.0, 2.0)		58.2
<b>12</b>	3.18, d (1.8)	3.18, d (2.0)		60.1
<b>13</b>	-	-		206.4
<b>14</b>	2.06, s	2.06, s		24.5

<sup>a</sup>Not reported

<sup>1</sup> Parker, W. L.; Rathnum, M. L.; Johnson, J. H.; Wells, J. S.; Principe, P. A.; Sykes, R. B. (1988) Aerocyanidin, a New Antibiotic Produced by *Chromobacterium Violaceum*. *J. Antibiot.* 41 (4), 454–460.

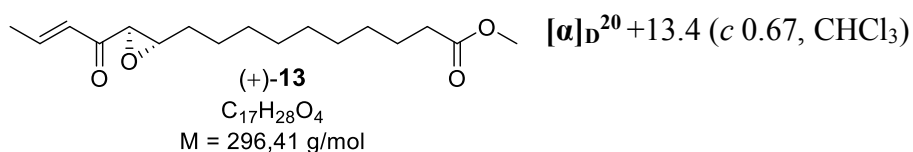
**Methyl 10-((2*S*\*,3*R*\*)-3-((*E*)-but-2-enoyl)oxiran-2-yl)decanoate ((±)-**13**).** To a stirred white suspension of methylketone (±)-**11** (111 mg, 0.41 mmol, 1 equiv) in THF (5 mL) at –78 °C was added LiHMDS (460 µL, 1M in THF, 0.46 mmol, 1.5 equiv). After 30 min, acetaldehyde (69 µL, 1.23 mmol, 3 equiv) was added to the clear slightly yellow solution and the reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at this temperature. The reaction was quenched with a saturated aqueous solution of ammonium chloride and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude residue was filter through a plug of silica and eluted with a mixture of Hexanes/EtOAc (1:1). The residue was then purified by a plug of silica gel, eluting with 50% EtOAc/hexanes, to give the corresponding mixture of alcohols, which was taken for the next step without further characterization. Analysis of the residue by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy *indicated the formation of a 1:1 mixture of both diastereomers*. To a solution of the residue in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (3 mL) was subsequently added Et<sub>3</sub>N (166 µL, 1.23 mmol, 3 equiv) and MsCl (48 µL, 0.62 mmol, 1.5 equiv) at 0 °C. The reaction was then warmed to room temperature and stirred for 1h. The reaction was quenched with a saturated aqueous solution of ammonium chloride and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography to afford the product (±)-**13** as a colorless oil (76.0 mg, 63% yield).



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 7.01 (dq, *J* = 13.8, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 6.19 (dt, *J* = 15.6, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 3.59 (s, 3H), 3.27 (br s, 1H), 2.98 (t, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 2.23 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 1.85 (dt, *J* = 7.0, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 1.66–1.47 (m, 4H), 1.45–1.33 (m, 2H), 1.33–1.13 (m, 13H); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 195.4, 174.2, 145.5, 125.7, 58.9, 58.3, 51.4, 34.0, 31.8, 29.3, 29.23, 29.19, 29.16, 29.06, 25.8, 24.9, 18.6; HRMS ESI (*m/z*) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>29</sub>O<sub>4</sub> [M+H<sup>+</sup>]: 297.20604, found 297.20612.

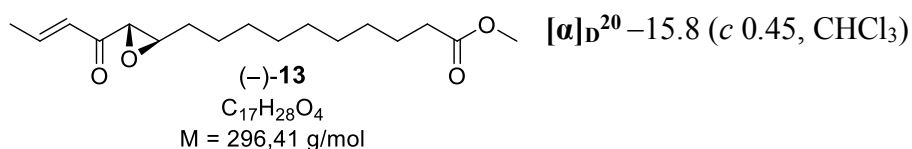
**Methyl 10-((2*S*,3*R*)-3-((*E*)-but-2-enoyl)oxiran-2-yl)decanoate ((+)-**13**).** To a stirred white suspension of methylketone (+)-**11** (40.0 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1 equiv) in THF (3 mL) at –78 °C was added LiHMDS (225 µL, 1M in THF, 0.225 mmol, 1.5 equiv). After 20 min, acetaldehyde (25 µL, 0.450 mmol, 3 equiv) was added to the clear slightly yellow solution and the reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at this temperature. The reaction was quenched with a saturated aqueous solution of ammonium chloride and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude

residue was filter through a plug of silica and eluted with a mixture of Hexanes/EtOAc (1:1). The residue was then purified by a plug of silica gel, eluting with 50% EtOAc/hexanes, to give the corresponding mixture of alcohols, which was taken for the next step without further characterization. Analysis of the residue by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectroscopy *indicated the formation of a 1:1 mixture of both diastereomers*. To a solution of the residue in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (2 mL) was subsequently added  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  (61  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.450 mmol, 3 equiv) and  $\text{MsCl}$  (18  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.225 mmol, 1.5 equiv) at 0  $^\circ\text{C}$ . The reaction was then warmed to room temperature and stirred for 1h. The reaction was quenched with a saturated aqueous solution of ammonium chloride and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography to afford the product (+)-**13** as a colorless oil (21.0 mg, 47% yield).

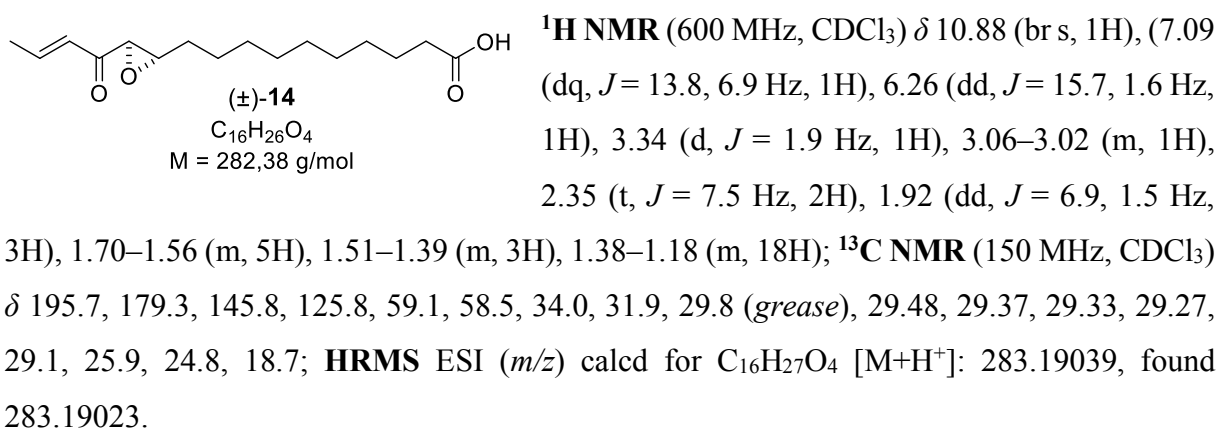


**Methyl 10-((2R,3S)-3-((E)-but-2-enoyl)oxiran-2-yl)decanoate ((-)-13).** To a stirred white suspension of methylketone (-)-**11** (40.0 mg, 0.15 mmol, 1 equiv) in THF (3 mL) at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  was added LiHMDS (225  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1M in THF, 0.225 mmol, 1.5 equiv). After 5 min, acetaldehyde (25  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.450 mmol, 3 equiv) was added to the clear slightly yellow solution and the reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at this temperature. The reaction was quenched with a saturated aqueous solution of ammonium chloride and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude residue was filter through a plug of silica and eluted with a mixture of Hexanes/EtOAc (1:1). The residue was then purified by a plug of silica gel, eluting with 50% EtOAc/hexanes, to give the corresponding mixture of alcohols, which was taken for the next step without further characterization. Analysis of the residue by  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectroscopy *indicated the formation of a 1:1 mixture of both diastereomers*. To a solution of the residue in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (2 mL) was subsequently added  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  (61  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.450 mmol, 3 equiv) and  $\text{MsCl}$  (18  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.225 mmol, 1.5 equiv) at 0  $^\circ\text{C}$ . The reaction was then warmed to room temperature and stirred for 1h. The reaction was quenched with a saturated aqueous solution of ammonium chloride and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography to afford the product (-)-**13** as a colorless oil (23.0 mg, 52% yield).



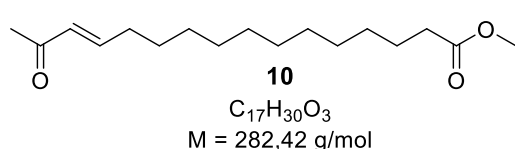


**10-((2*S*,3*R*)-3-((*E*)-but-2-enoyl)oxiran-2-yl)decanoic acid ((±)-14).** Methyl ester (±)-**13** (21 mg, 0.071 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of 0.4 mL of acetone and 3.6 mL phosphate buffer (pH=7). Pig liver enzyme (PLE E3019-3.5KU–Aldrich) (3 mg) was added and the cloudy white suspension was stirred at 37 °C for 6 hours. The final clear solution was then diluted with brine, extracted with ethyl acetate, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting oil was purified *via* column chromatography to afford (±)-**14** as a colorless oil (15 mg, 75% yield).



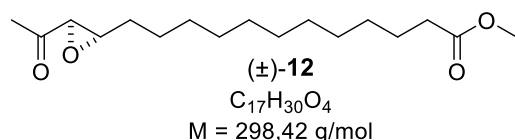
### 1.3. Synthesis of *post*-YM-47515 (+)-5

**Methyl (*E*)-15-oxohexadec-13-enoate (10).** In a flame dried flask equipped with a metal stir bar were added methyl tetradec-13-enoate **8** (83.0 mg, 0.345 mmol, 1 equiv) in diethyl ether (0.5M), methyl vinyl ketone (0.09 mL, 1.04 mmol, 3 equiv), Grubbs Catalyst, 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation (5.8 mg, 6.9 μmol, 2 mol %), and CuI (2.00 mg, 0.01 mmol, 3 mol %). The solution was stirred under argon at room temperature overnight, quenched with a saturated aqueous solution of ammonium chloride and extracted with three portions of ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting brown residue was purified *via* column chromatography resulting in 80.0 mg of a yellow oil (83% yield).



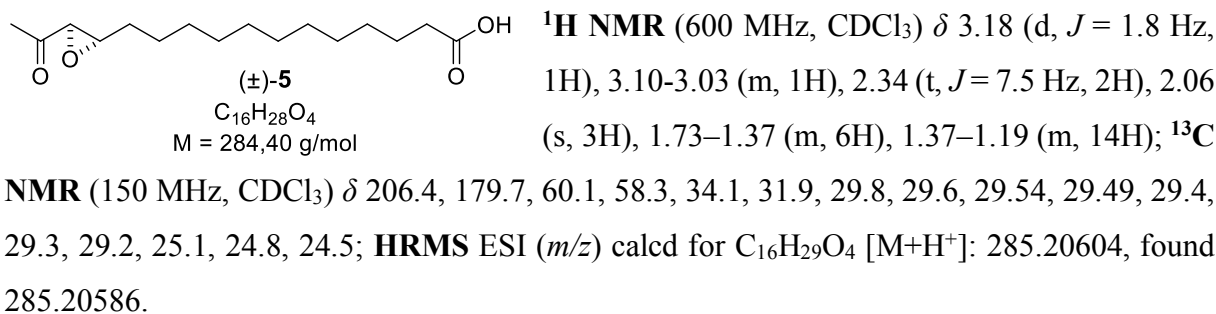
**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.78 (td,  $J$  = 15.0, 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.04 (d,  $J$  = 15.9 Hz, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 2.27 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 2.22 (m, 2H), 1.67–1.52 (m, 2H), 1.49–1.36 (m, 2H), 1.32–1.06 (m, 14H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  198.9, 174.4, 148.8, 131.4, 51.5, 34.2, 32.6, 29.60, 29.56, 29.49, 29.45, 29.32, 29.26, 29.22, 28.2, 26.9, 25.0; **HRMS** ESI ( $m/z$ ) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>31</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H<sup>+</sup>]: 283.22677, found 283.22663.

**Methyl 12-((2S\*,3R\*)-3-acetyloxiran-2-yl)dodecanoate ((±)-12).** To a stirred solution of alkene **10** (104 mg, 0.36 mmol, 1 equiv) and *tert*-butylamine (2.6 mg, 0.04 mmol, 1 mol %) in methanol (2.5 mL) at 0 °C were slowly added 30% by weight hydrogen peroxide (0.20 mL, 1.8 mmol, 5 equiv). The solution was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred overnight. The reaction was quenched with a 1:1 mixture of saturated aqueous sodium thiosulfate and aqueous sodium bicarbonate and extracted with three portions of dichloromethane. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting solid was purified *via* column chromatography resulting in 48 mg of a white solid (45% yield).

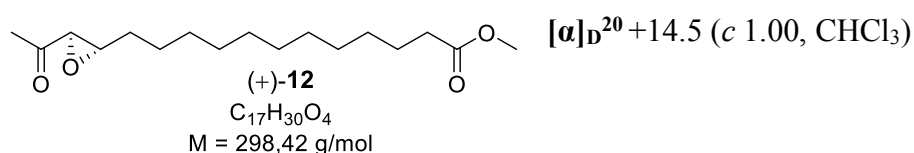


**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  3.63 (s, 3H), 3.15 (d,  $J$  = 1.9 Hz, 1H), 3.04 (m, 1H), 2.27 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 1.67–1.48 (m, 2H), 1.48–1.35 (m, 4H), 1.28–1.16 (m, 14H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  206.0, 174.3, 59.9, 58.0, 51.4, 34.0, 31.7, 29.7, 29.44, 29.38, 29.37, 29.34, 29.2, 29.1, 25.7, 24.9, 24.3; **HRMS** ESI ( $m/z$ ) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>31</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [M+H<sup>+</sup>]: 299.22169, found 299.22170.

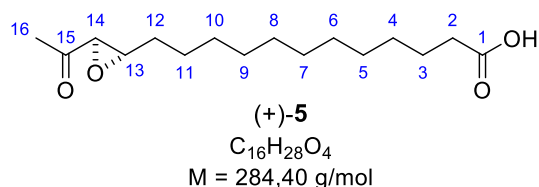
**12-((2S\*,3R\*)-3-acetyloxiran-2-yl)dodecanoic acid ((±)-5).** Methyl ester **10** (24 mg, 0.08 mmol, 1 equiv) was dissolved in a mixture of 0.2 mL of acetone and 1.8 mL phosphate buffer (pH=7). Pig liver enzyme (PLE E3019-3.5KU–Aldrich) (10 mg) was added and the cloudy white suspension was stirred at 37 °C for 3 hours. The suspension was diluted with brine, extracted with three portions of ethyl acetate, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting white solid was purified *via* column chromatography (9 mg, 40% yield).



**Methyl 12-((2*S*,3*R*)-3-acetyloxiran-2-yl)dodecanoate ((+)-12).** 9-amino-*epi*-Quinidine (35 mg, 0.12 mmol, 30 mol %) was added to a solution of trifluoroacetic acid (67.8 mg, 0.6 mmol, 1.5 equiv) in 2 mL of dioxane. Alkene **10** (112 mg, 0.4 mmol, 1 equiv) was added and the solution was stirred at 50 °C. After 15 minutes, 30% by weight sodium hydroxide (0.1 mL, 0.6 mmol, 1.5 equiv) were added and the solution was stirred overnight. The reaction was quenched with a saturated aqueous solution of ammonium chloride and extracted with three portions of ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and concentrated *in vacuo*. To the resulting white solid were added 2 mL anhydrous methanol and 1 M solution of sodium methoxide in methanol (0.4 mL, 0.4 mmol, 1 equiv). After two hours, the reaction was quenched with a saturated aqueous solution of ammonium chloride and extracted with three portions of ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and concentrated *in vacuo*. Purification was performed by column chromatography resulting in 40.3 mg of a low melting point off-white solid (40 mg, 34% yield).



**12-((2*S*,3*R*)-3-acetyloxiran-2-yl)dodecanoic acid ((+)-5).** Methyl ester (+)-**12** (20 mg, 0.07 mmol, 1 equiv) was dissolved in a mixture of 0.2 mL of acetone and 1.8 mL phosphate buffer (pH=7). Pig liver enzyme (PLE E3019-3.5KU–Aldrich) (10 mg) were added and the cloudy white suspension was stirred at 37 °C for 3 hours. The suspension was diluted with brine, extracted with ethyl acetate, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting low melting point white solid was purified *via* column chromatography (16 mg, 80% yield).



$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )  $\delta$  3.24 (d,  $J = 1.9$  Hz, 1H), 3.12 (ddd,  $J = 6.4, 3.6, 1.8$  Hz, 2H), 2.27 (t,  $J = 7.4$  Hz, 2H), 2.06 (s, 3H), 1.51–1.75 (m, 6H), 1.42–1.52 (m, 2H), 1.16–1.43 (m, 12H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )  $\delta$  208.0 177.9, 60.8, 59.4,

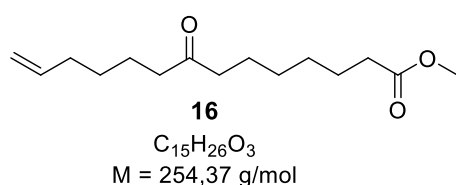
35.1, 32.9, 30.63, 30.60, 30.57, 30.56, 30.41, 30.38, 30.24, 26.9, 26.1, 24.8;  $[\alpha]_D^{20} +3.3$  (c 0.28, MeOH)

**Supplementary Table S3.** Comparison of  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of (+)-**5** and the natural product ( $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ).

	$\delta_{\text{H}}$		$\delta_{\text{C}}$	
	Natural (500 MHz)	Synthetic (600 MHz)	Natural (500 MHz)	Synthetic (600 MHz)
<b>1</b>	- <sup>a</sup>	-	179.0	177.9
<b>2</b>	2.24, t (7.7)	2.27, t (7.4)	36.0	35.1
<b>3</b>	1.59, m	1.60, m	26.5	26.1
<b>4</b>	1.30, m	1.43, m	30.5	30.56
<b>5</b>	1.28-1.67	1.16-1.43	26.9-30.8	26.9-30.63
<b>6</b>				
<b>7</b>				
<b>8</b>				
<b>9</b>				
<b>10</b>				
<b>11</b>				
<b>12</b>	1.57, m	1.60, m	32.9	32.9
<b>13</b>	3.11, td (5.5, 1.8)	3.12, ddd (6.4, 3.6, 1.8)	59.5	59.4
<b>14</b>	3.23 d (1.8)	3.24, d (1.8)	60.9	60.8
<b>15</b>	- <sup>a</sup>	-	208.0	208.0
<b>16</b>	2.06, s	2.06, s	24.8	24.8

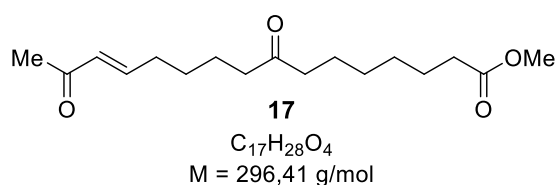
#### 1.4. Synthesis of *post*-amycomycin (–)-**6**

**Methyl 8-oxotetradec-13-enoate (16).** A solution of anhydrous zinc chloride (136 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1 equiv) in anhydrous  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  (10 mL) was treated with freshly prepared hex-5-enylmagnesium bromide (0.9 equiv) dropwise at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$ . The temperature was increased to  $0^\circ\text{C}$  and the reaction mixture was treated with acyl chloride (207 mg, 1.00 mmol, 1 equiv) in anhydrous THF (10 mL) followed by  $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$  (57.8 mg, 0.0500 mmol, 5 mol %). The resulting mixture was stirred at  $0^\circ\text{C}$  for 30 minutes, then at room temperature for 1.5 h. The reaction was quenched by the addition of 1N HCl (2 mL) and extracted twice with  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$ . The combined organic layers were washed with saturated aqueous solution of  $\text{NaHCO}_3$ , dried with  $\text{MgSO}_4$  and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography to afford the product **16** as a colorless oil (216 mg, 85% yield).



**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  5.79 (ddt,  $J$  = 17.0, 10.2, 6.7 Hz, 1H), 5.00 (ddd,  $J$  = 17.0, 3.4, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 4.95 (dd,  $J$  = 10.2, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 2.39 (td,  $J$  = 7.4, 5.2 Hz, 2H), 2.30 (td,  $J$  = 7.5, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 2.05 (app q,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 1.66–1.54 (m, 8H), 1.42–1.24 (m, 6H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  211.4, 174.4, 138.7, 114.8, 51.6, 42.82, 42.77, 34.1, 33.7, 29.06, 29.01, 28.6, 24.9, 23.8, 23.5; **HRMS** ESI ( $m/z$ ) calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>3</sub>Na [M+Na<sup>+</sup>]: 277.17742, found 277.17751.

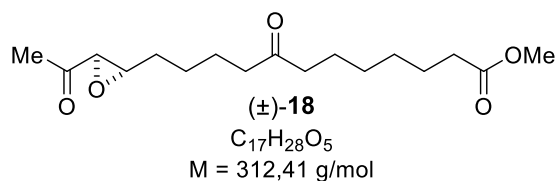
**Methyl (*E*)-8,15-dioxohexadec-13-enoate (17).** In a flame dried flask equipped with a metal stir bar were added alkene **16** (110 mg, 0.432 mmol, 1 equiv) in diethyl ether (0.5M), methyl vinyl ketone (108  $\mu$ L, 1.30 mmol, 3 equiv), Grubbs Catalyst, 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation (7.6 mg, 0.009 mmol, 2 mol %), and CuI (2.5 mg, 0.013 mmol, 3 mol %). The solution was stirred under argon at room temperature overnight, quenched with a saturated aqueous solution of ammonium chloride and extracted with three portions of ethyl acetate. The combined organic layers were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting brown residue was purified *via* column chromatography resulting in 83.0 mg of a yellow oil (65% yield).



**<sup>1</sup>H NMR** (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.78 (dt,  $J$  = 15.9, 6.9 Hz, 1H), 6.07 (d,  $J$  = 16.0 Hz, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 2.40 (dt,  $J$  = 16.9, 7.4 Hz, 4H), 2.30 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 2.26–2.20 (m, 2H), 2.24 (s, 3H), 1.65–1.53 (m, 6H), 1.50–1.43 (m, 2H), 1.35–1.26 (m, 4H); **<sup>13</sup>C NMR** (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  210.9, 198.8, 174.3, 147.9, 131.7, 51.6, 42.9, 42.5, 34.1, 32.4, 29.03, 28.99, 27.8, 27.1, 24.9, 23.7, 23.4; **HRMS** ESI ( $m/z$ ) calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>4</sub>Na [M+Na<sup>+</sup>]: 319.18798, found 319.18785.

**Methyl 12-((2*S*\*,3*R*\*)-3-acetyloxiran-2-yl)-8-oxododecanoate (( $\pm$ )-18).** To a stirred solution of alkene **16** (83 mg, 0.28 mmol, 1 equiv) and *tert*-butylamine (1.8 mg, 0.03 mmol, 1 mol %) in methanol (2.2 mL) at 0 °C were slowly added 30% by weight hydrogen peroxide (160  $\mu$ L, 1.12 mmol, 5 equiv). The solution was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred overnight. The reaction was quenched with a 1:1 mixture of saturated sodium thiosulfate and sodium bicarbonate and extracted with three portions of dichloromethane. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and concentrated *in vacuo*. The

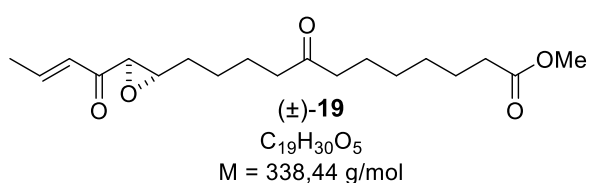
resulting oil was purified *via* column chromatography to afford epoxide ( $\pm$ )-**18** as a colorless oil (63 mg, 69% yield).



$^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  3.64 (s, 3H), 3.16 (d,  $J = 2.0 \text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 3.06 (ddd,  $J = 6.5, 4.7, 2.0 \text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 2.38 (dt,  $J = 11.7, 7.3 \text{ Hz}$ , 4H), 2.28 (t,  $J = 7.5 \text{ Hz}$ , 2H), 2.04 (s, 3H), 1.76–1.49 (m, 8H),

1.49–1.37 (m, 2H), 1.35–1.20 (m, 4H);  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  210.8, 206.1, 174.3, 59.9, 57.9, 51.6, 42.8, 42.4, 34.1, 31.7, 28.98, 28.93, 25.5, 24.8, 24.5, 23.7, 23.3; **HRMS ESI** ( $m/z$ ) calcd for  $C_{17}H_{29}O_5$  [ $M+H^+$ ]: 313.20095, found 313.20108.

**Methyl 12-((2*S*\*,3*R*\*)-3-((*E*)-but-2-enoyl)oxiran-2-yl)-8-oxododecanoate (( $\pm$ )-**19**).** To a stirred white suspension of methylketone ( $\pm$ )-**18** (40.0 mg, 0.128 mmol, 1 equiv) in THF (3 mL) at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  was added LiHMDS (192  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1M in THF, 0.192 mmol, 1.5 equiv). After 5 min, acetaldehyde (22  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.384 mmol, 3 equiv) was added to the clear slightly yellow solution and the reaction mixture was stirred for 1 h at this temperature. The reaction was quenched with a saturated aqueous solution of ammonium chloride and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude residue was filter through a plug of silica and eluted with a mixture of Hexanes/EtOAc (1:1). The residue was then purified by a plug of silica gel, eluting with 50% EtOAc/hexanes, to give the corresponding mixture of alcohols, which was taken for the next step without further characterization. Analysis of the residue by  $^1\text{H NMR}$  spectroscopy *indicated the formation of a 1:1 mixture of both diastereomers*. To a solution of the residue in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (2 mL) was subsequently added  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  (52  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.384 mmol, 3 equiv) and  $\text{MsCl}$  (52  $\mu\text{L}$ , 0.384 mmol, 3 equiv) at  $0^\circ\text{C}$ . The reaction was then warmed to room temperature and stirred for 1h. The reaction was quenched with a saturated aqueous solution of ammonium chloride and extracted with EtOAc. The combined organic layers were dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude residue was purified by flash chromatography to afford the product ( $\pm$ )-**19** as a colorless oil (24.0 mg, 55% yield).

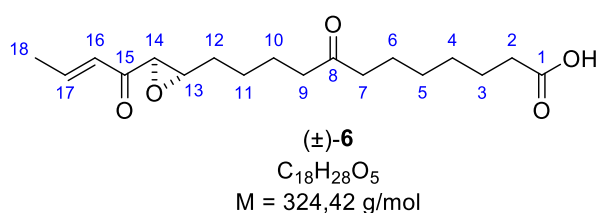


$^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  7.09 (dq,  $J = 13.9, 6.9 \text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 6.26 (dd,  $J = 15.7, 1.5 \text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 3.34 (d,  $J = 1.8 \text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 3.06–3.03 (m, 1H), 2.45–2.35 (m, 4H), 2.30 (t,

$J = 7.5 \text{ Hz}$ , 2H), 1.92 (dd,  $J = 6.9, 1.5 \text{ Hz}$ , 3H), 1.74–1.53 (m, 8H), 1.50–1.41 (m, 2H), 1.35–

1.22 (m, 4H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (100 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  210.9, 195.5, 174.3, 145.9, 125.8, 59.0, 58.1, 51.6, 42.9, 42.5, 34.1, 31.8, 29.03, 28.99, 25.6, 24.9, 23.7, 23.4, 18.7; HRMS ESI ( $m/z$ ) calcd for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{31}\text{O}_5$  [ $\text{M}+\text{H}^+$ ]: 339.21660, found 339.21677.

**12-((2*S*\*,3*R*\*)-3-((*E*)-But-2-enoyl)oxiran-2-yl)-8-oxododecanoic acid ((±)-6).** Methyl ester (±)-19 (10 mg, 0.03 mmol, 1 equiv) was dissolved in a mixture of 0.2 mL of acetone and 1.8 mL phosphate buffer (pH=7). Pig liver enzyme (PLE E3019-3.5KU–Aldrich) (2 mg) was added and the cloudy white suspension was stirred at 37 °C for 5 hours. The final clear solution was then diluted with brine, extracted with ethyl acetate, dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, and concentrated *in vacuo*. The resulting oil was purified *via* column chromatography to afford (±)-6 as a colorless oil (4.3 mg, 45% yield).



$^1\text{H}$  NMR (600 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )  $\delta$  7.15 (dq,  $J = 13.9, 6.9 \text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 6.33 (d,  $J = 15.8 \text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 3.54 (s, 1H), 3.05 (t,  $J = 5.3 \text{ Hz}$ , 1H), 2.51 (t,  $J = 7.4 \text{ Hz}$ , 2H), 2.48 (t,  $J = 7.5 \text{ Hz}$ , 2H), 2.30 (t,

$J = 7.4 \text{ Hz}$ , 2H), 1.96 (d,  $J = 6.9 \text{ Hz}$ , 3H), 1.75–1.68 (m, 1H), 1.68–1.60 (m, 5H), 1.60–1.54 (m, 2H), 1.53–1.44 (m, 2H), 1.41–1.29 (m, 4H);  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (150 MHz,  $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ )  $\delta$  213.7, 197.2, 177.8, 147.3, 128.0, 59.7, 59.3, 43.4, 43.1, 35.1, 32.6, 29.99, 29.93, 26.4, 26.0, 24.7, 24.4, 18.7; HRMS ESI ( $m/z$ ) calcd for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_5\text{Na}$  [ $\text{M}+\text{Na}^+$ ]: 347.18290, found 347.18231.

**Supplementary Table S2.** Comparison of  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of 6 and the natural product ( $\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ ).

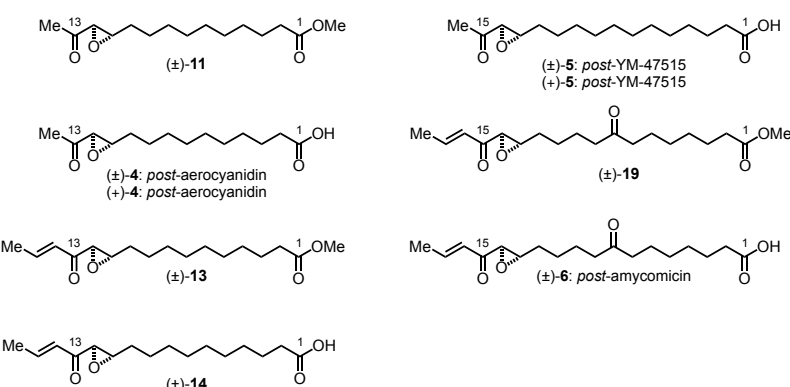
	$\delta_{\text{H}}$		$\delta_{\text{C}}$	
	Natural (600 MHz)	Synthetic (600 MHz)	Natural (600 MHz)	Synthetic (600 MHz)
1	-	-	177.0	177.9
2	2.27, t (7.4)	2.30, t (7.4)	34.8	35.1
3	1.60, m	1.68–1.60, m	25.6	26.0
4	1.34, m	1.41–1.29, m	29.5	29.9
5	1.31, m	1.41–1.29, m	29.9	30.0
6	1.56, m	1.60–1.54, m	24.4	24.7
7	2.45, t (7.4)	2.48, t (7.5)	43.1	43.4
8	-	-	212.9	213.7
9	2.49, t (7.2)	2.51, t (7.4)	42.8	43.1
10	1.61, m	1.68–1.60, m	24.1	24.4
11	1.46, m	1.53–1.44, m	26.1	26.4
12	1.62, m 1.69, m	1.75–1.68, m 1.68–1.60, m	32.3	32.6
13	3.03, ddd (11.1, 4.9, 2.0)	3.05, app t (5.3)	59.2	59.7

<b>14</b>	3.51, d (2.0)	3.54, s		58.6	59.3
<b>15</b>	-	-		196.9	197.2
<b>16</b>	6.30, dq (15.8, 1.7)	6.33, d (15.8)		127.6	128.0
<b>17</b>	7.14, dq (15.8, 6.9)	7.15, dq (13.9, 6.9)		147.1	147.3
<b>18</b>	1.94, dd (6.9, 1.7)	1.96, d (6.9)		18.4	18.7



## 2. Biology

### 2.1. Table S1. Biological Evaluation

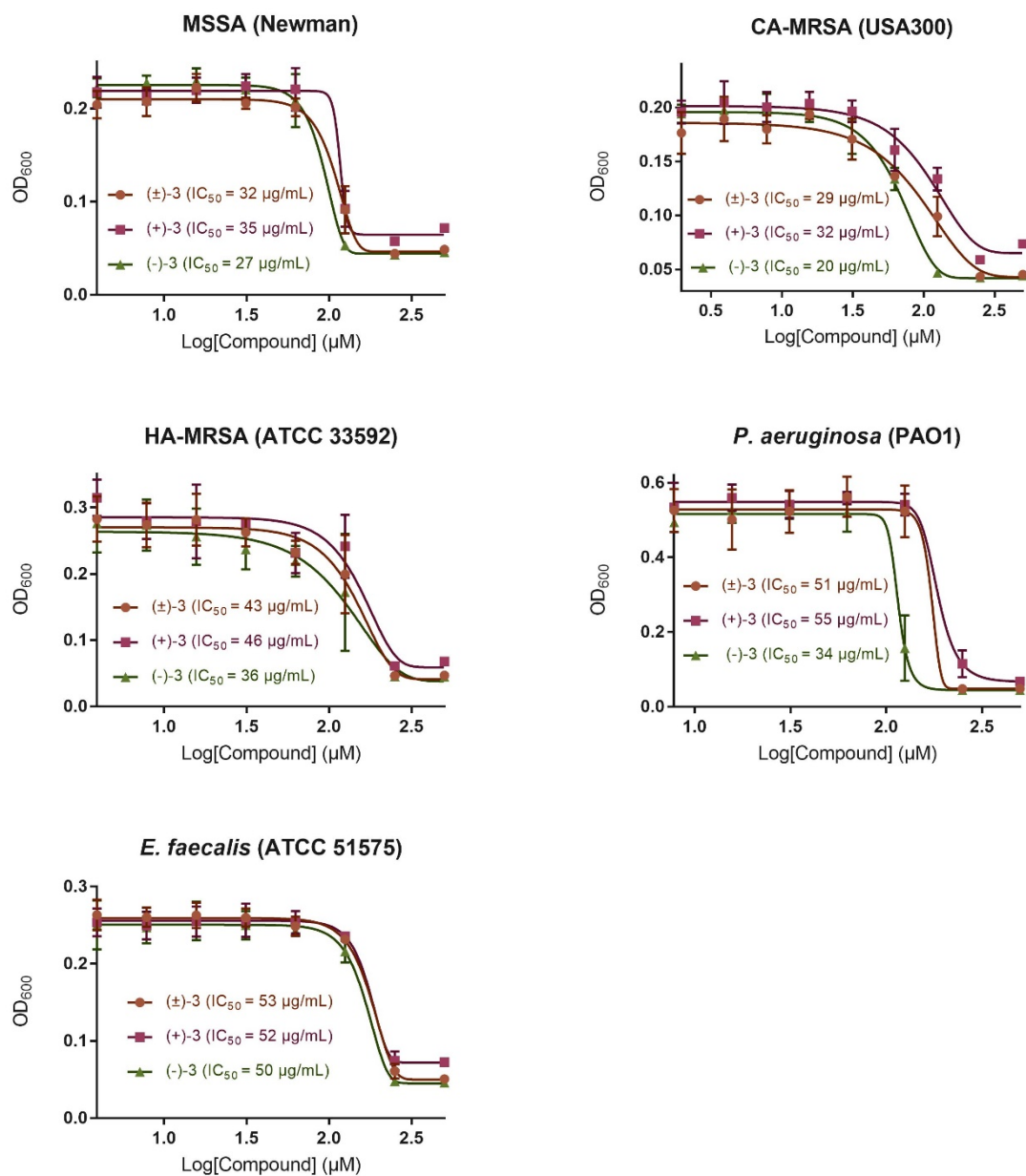
							
MIC <sup>a,b</sup> (μM)							
	<i>S. aureus</i> (CA-MRSA)	<i>S. aureus</i> (HA-MRSA)	<i>S. aureus</i> (MSSA)	<i>E. faecalis</i>	<i>B. subtilis</i>	<i>E. coli</i>	<i>P. aeruginosa</i>
compound	(USA300)	(ATCC 33592)	(Newman)	(ATCC 51575)	(ATCC 6633)	(MC4100)	(PAO1)
(±)-11	>500	-	-	-	-	-	-
(±)-4: <i>post-aerocyanidin</i>	>500	-	-	-	-	-	-
(+)-4: <i>post-aerocyanidin</i>	>500	-	-	-	-	-	-
(±)-13	250	250	250	250	>500	>500	250
(-)-13	125	250	125	250	-	-	250
(+)-13	250	250	250	250	-	-	250
(±)-14	>500	-	-	-	-	-	-
(±)-5: <i>post-YM-47515</i>	>500	-	-	-	-	-	-
(-)-5: <i>post-YM-47515</i>	>500	-	-	-	-	-	-
(±)-19	>500	-	-	-	-	-	-
(±)-6: <i>post-amycomicin</i>	>500	-	-	-	-	-	-

<sup>a</sup> Quaternary ammonium cation (12,3,2,3,12) was used as a positive control, <sup>b</sup> These assays were realized in triplicate and over 16 h.

### 2.2. IC<sub>50</sub> Assay Procedures

Overnight cultures of the indicated bacteria were diluted 1:100 in fresh LB media, and regrown at 37 °C with 200 rpm shaking. When the cultures reached mid-log phase, bacteria were diluted to a concentration of 0.004 using the following equation: (x μL O/N)(OD reading) = (0.004)(volume needed) and 100 μL was inoculated into each well of a 96-well plate (Corning® 96-well clear bottom plates), which contained 100 μL of serially diluted compound. Compound serial dilutions were done starting from a 10 mM stock solution in DMSO, which was diluted with LB media to arrive at the desired final concentration. 96-well plates were grown statically at 37 °C for 16 hours, upon which time the OD at 595 nm was measured using a plate reader. IC<sub>50</sub> values were calculated by fitting the OD readings in triplicate from separate O/N cultures vs. concentration with a 5-parameter-logistic model. The MIC value reflects the lowest concentration where no growth was visualized, and each assay was performed in triplicate

## 2.3. IC<sub>50</sub> Assay Curves



### 3. Appendix: Spectral Data

